

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 848

By Halford

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Opal Dameron on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Opal Dameron will celebrate her 100th birthday on February 21, 2010, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, born on February 21, 1910, Opal Dameron was the sixth of nine children born to John and Mettie Robinson; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dameron is a highly respected member of the Carroll County community; and

WHEREAS, at the age of twenty-one, Opal Dameron was joined in marriage with William Kirksey, and the loving couple treasured twenty-eight years together until Mr. Kirksey's passing; the couple's blessed union produced one daughter, Sarah Ann Ridings; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, Opal Dameron found true love again, enjoying the loving bonds of matrimony with Dorsey Dameron for thirty-two years before he went on to his great reward; and

WHEREAS this remarkable lady expresses her devout Christian faith as a member of Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, during a lifetime overflowing with generosity and accomplishment, Mrs. Dameron has been a valuable contributor to many civic and charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, as she celebrates 100 years of living life to its fullest, Opal Dameron is fortunate to share love, respect, and companionship with her daughter, Sarah Ann Ridings; her

grandson, Mark Ridings; her two step-grandsons, Steven and David Dameron; two step-granddaughters; one step-great-grandson; and a host of nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Opal Dameron on the celebration of her 100th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.